

REMARKS

This response responds to the Office Action dated January 25, 2006 in which the Examiner rejected claims 7, 14 and 15 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Application Serial No. 10/040,380 and stated that claims 1-6, 8-13 and 16-32 are allowed and that claims 7, 14 and 15 would be allowable if amended to overcome the double patenting rejection.

Claims 7, 14 and 15 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 1 of copending Application No. 10/040,380.

Attached to this Response is a Terminal Disclaimer which disclaims the terminal part, if any, of any patent which extends beyond the expiration of Application Serial No. 10/040,380. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraws the rejection to claims 7, 14 and 15.

Thus it now appears that the application is in condition for reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner find that the application is not now in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner enters this Amendment for purposes of appeal.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time.

The fees for such extension of time may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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